

SENATE BILL 2899

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 3, Part 2, relative to notification of the
impoundment of methamphetamine vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-3-213(a), is amended by deleting the language "shall submit a notice of motor vehicle impoundment for manufacture of methamphetamine to the department of revenue within thirty (30) days of such impoundment" and by substituting instead the language "shall, within thirty (30) days of such impoundment, submit a notice of motor vehicle impoundment for manufacture of methamphetamine to the department of revenue, the owner and any lienholder".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-3-213(b), is amended by inserting the language "to the department of revenue" between the language "A notice" and the language "in a form".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-3-213, is amended by adding the following as new subsection (c):

(c)

(1) Any law enforcement agency that impounds a methamphetamine vehicle pursuant to this section, shall, within thirty (30) days of impoundment, notify by certified mail, return receipt requested, the last known registered owner of the motor vehicle and all lien holders of record that the vehicle has been impounded.

(2) The notice shall:

(A) Describe the year, make, model and serial number of the motor vehicle;

(B) Set forth the location of the facility where the motor vehicle is being held;

(C) Inform the owner and any lienholders of their right to reclaim the motor vehicle within ten (10) days after the date of the notice, upon payment of all towing, preservation and storage charges resulting from impounding the vehicle; and

(D) State that the failure of the owner or lienholders to exercise their right to reclaim the vehicle within the time provided shall be deemed a waiver by the owner and all lienholders of all right, title and interest in the vehicle.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.